

DECLARATION OF RAJBIN SHRESTHA

I, Rajbin Shrestha, declare:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration. If called upon to testify as a witness, I could do so and would testify to these facts.

2. I am a citizen of Nepal. I came to the United States at the age of 19 in 1997. Now, I am 47 years old, and have lived in the United States for nearly 28 years. I have had Temporary Protected Status since Nepal was designated for TPS in 2015.

3. I am a member of the National TPS Alliance, and joined voluntarily because I believe in the mission of the organization to defend the TPS program. I deeply admire how they fight and advocate for all TPS holders regardless of where people come from. I am also a founding coordinator of TPS Nepal, a group that works in close coordination with NTPSA.

Background and Impact of TPS

4. I grew up in Lalitpur in Nepal, a town outside of the capital, Kathmandu. When I was 16, I had to start working full time because of my family's limited resources. I taught math and science at an elementary school. I did not see a future for myself in Nepal, so I convinced my parents to let me go to the United States to study.

5. In 1997, when I was 19, I came to the United States. I studied for a short time in Arkansas and then New York, but due to my limited resources, I was unable to complete my studies and worked for a time at different restaurants.

6. My future wife also came to the United States in 1997 from Nepal, but we did not meet until 1999. We got married in 2014. We have three children, who are 17, 16, and six. My oldest daughter just finished her junior year of high school, so we are now supporting her in applying for college and studying for the SAT. She hopes to go to medical school to become a doctor. My middle daughter finished her sophomore year of high school, and she is contemplating either medical school or architecture school. My youngest daughter will be in second grade, and she just loves to goof around and play with our dog.

1 three years ago, and we don't know who would manage our assets if we had to return to
2 Nepal.

3 12. The two oldest children understand what's going on with TPS and the
4 imminent loss of legal status for their parents. They are scared that if or when their parents
5 lose status, we will all have to go back to Nepal. They don't speak the language, and
6 they've never visited Nepal and don't have community there, so they have a lot of anxiety,
7 fear, and uncertainty about that potential outcome. Because they are 17 and 16 years old,
8 they are also preparing to go to college in the U.S., and they would be heartbroken if they
9 did not have that opportunity.

10 13. However, if my wife and I move back to Nepal and leave our children in the
11 United States, we don't know who would take care of them. My wife has a sister and an
12 aunt who both live in the U.S. and are both U.S. citizens, but their lives are in New York
13 and they are not prepared to take care of our children.

14 14. If I lost TPS, my elderly parents, who currently live with us, would also have
15 to move back to Nepal because they depend on me and my wife financially. My dad is a
16 U.S. citizen and my mom received a green card through him. They are both elderly and
17 retired, and do not receive enough money in social security benefits to support themselves.

18 15. On top of that, my mother-in-law still lives in Nepal and depends on my wife
19 for financial support. My wife has been sending money back to her mother every month
20 for the past 20 years. If my wife loses TPS and does not have work authorization, she
21 would no longer be able to send money to her mother.

22 16. I cannot believe that after decades here in the United States—and with the
23 life that I have built—I am at risk of losing it all.

24 17. I wanted to be a part of this lawsuit because there are thousands of people
25 from our Nepali community who rely on TPS. I feel privileged in some ways because I can
26 speak English, and we have a middle-class income now thanks to TPS, and we can live a
27 bit more comfortably than other members of our community who have fewer resources. I
28 want to speak out not just for myself, but for my fellow community members. Many

1 people in our community also send money back home to Nepal, and ending TPS would
2 disrupt and destroy the lives for people in Nepal who rely on their family in the U.S.

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4 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this
5 declaration was executed in New Jersey on 30 day of June, 2025.

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7 /s/ Rajbin Shrestha

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CIVIL LOCAL RULE 5.1 ATTESTATION

I hereby attest that I have on file all holographic signatures corresponding to any signatures indicated by a conformed signature (/S/) within this e-filed document.

/s/ Jessica Karp Bansal
Jessica Karp Bansal